Sl.No.	Name	Location
(i)	Talcher Stage -I	Dhenkanal District in Orissa.
(ii)	Chandrapur Stage-I	Chandrapur District in Maharashtra.
(iii)	Yamunanagar Stage-I	Ambala District in Haryana
(iv)	North Karanpura Stage-I	Ranchi District in Bihar.
(v)	Rihand Stage-II	Mirzapur District in Uttrar Presesh.
(vi)	Vindhyachal Stage-II	Sidhi District in Madhya Pradesh.
(vii)	Farakka Stage-III	Murshidabad District in West Bengal.

Thermal Power Generation

694. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently initiated an action plan to galvanise the thermal power output in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the thermal power generation is likely to be enhanced and the steep problem of power shortages is likely to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) In order to offset the shortfall in hydel generation, a contingency plan was formulated and implemented to increase the thermal generation during 1987-88. Various measures taken to increase thermal generation included rescheduling of planned maintenance taking into account current performance of the unit, bringing back units under forced outage and planned maintenance within the shortest possible time, arranging for additional supplies of coal etc. As a result of these measures, the thermal generation during 1987-88 was more than the target by over 6 billion units. The target for thermal generation during 1988-89 has been fixed as 163,000 MUs which is about 14 per cent higher than the target for 1987-88. Overall power shortage in the country during 1987-88 was 10.9 per cent. Against this the anticipated power shortage during 1988-89 is 8.7 per cent.

Commercial Utilisation of Gas

695. PROF. C LAKSHMANA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps would be taken by Government to commercially utilise the huge out put of natural gas and crude from Krishna and Godavari basin:

(b) whether there are any proposals formulated by Government to utilise the Natural gas as in done by HBJ Pipeline with the gas from Bombay High;

(c) whether any country has come forward to collaborate in the utilisation of this natural gas; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Once have tied up eight consumers for use of gas that they propose to produce in the K. G. Basin. In addiion 0.4 MMCMD of gas has been committed for APSEB, Supply of gas to MRs. Delta Paper Mills has since commenced. ONGC would be laying pipelines from the gas fields to supply gas to the consumers.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

इलाहाबाद में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन बूथ

696. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय इलाहाबाद के शहरी और ग्रामीण इलाकों में कुल कितने टेलीफोन बूथ कार्यरत हैं और उन स्थानों के नाम क्या-क्या है जहां इस प्रकार के बूथों के खोले जाने का विचार किया गया है ; और

(ख) इस संबध में विस्तार योजना क्या है?

ऊर्जा मंत्री और संचार मंत्री (श्री बसंत साठे) : (क) और (ख) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है तथा इसे सभापटल पर रख दिया जायेगा ।

Import of Cellular Telephones

697. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to import cellular telephones from a Swedish Firm; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the name of the firm?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) A Swedish Company is one of the bidders in response to the tender called for the supply of Cellular Mobile Telephone System for Bombay.

(b) The decision regarding placement of orders has not yet been finalised.

Losses to Cycle Corporation of India and National Bicycle Corporation of India

698. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cycle Corporation of India (CCIL) and the National Bicycle Corporation of India (NBCIL) in the public sector have been running constantly in losses and that Government proposes to close down these units;

(b) if so, what are the details of progressive losses suffered by these units during 1985, 1986 and 1987 and what are the major reasons identified for the continuous losses by these units; and;

(c) what measures have been taken by Government so far to make these units economically viable and what are the reasons for not achieving the desired results?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Both the Cycle Corporation of India Limited, Calcutta and the National Bicycle Corporation of India Limited, Bombay which were taken over from the private sector, have been incurring yearly losses. The quantum of net loss incurred by these two units during the last three financial years is as follows:—